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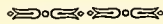
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THE GRADUATING CLASS



THE ILLMAN SCHOOL

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DEDICATION

IN OUR MOMENTS OF DEEPEST DESPONDENCY,
SHE HAS CHEERED US; OUR FAILURES SHE HAS
TURNED TO VICTORIES BY HER NEVER-ENDING
CONFIDENCE; WHEN WE WERE PERPLEXED, SHE
WAS OUR GUIDE; IN DISCOURAGEMENT, OUR
INSPIRATION. IN APPRECIATION OF ALL OF
THIS AND MORE, TO MISS ILLMAN, WE THE
CLASS OF THIRTY-ONE DO DEDICATE OUR
BOOK.

FOREWORD

WE, THE CLASS OF NINETEEN THIRTY-ONE
PRESENT "THE SPAN", THE YEARBOOK OF THE
GRADUATING CLASS OF THE ILLMAN TRAINING
SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN AND PRIMARY
TEACHERS. AS A LAKE REFLECTS ITS SURROUND-
INGS, WE HOPE THAT THIS BOOK WILL RECALL
TO OUR MINDS THE TWO HAPPY YEARS THIS
CLASS HAS SPENT TOGETHER.



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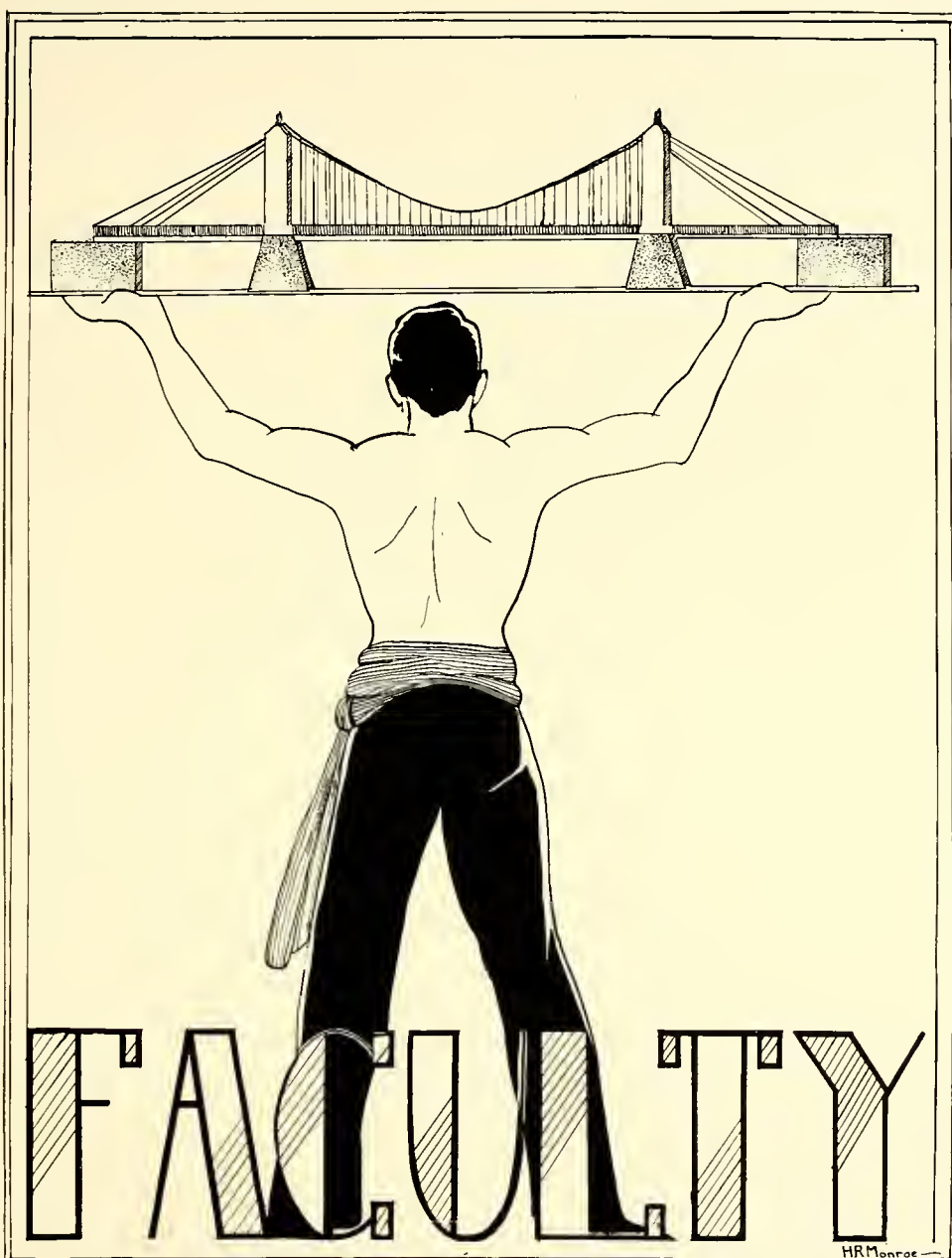
WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE FOR HER
CHALLENGING SPIRIT, HER SINCERE UNDER-
STANDING, HER DEEP-ROOTED CONVICTIONS,
AND HER UNSPARING GENEROSITY IN GIVING
HER TIME AND ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEMS
OF OTHERS. THESE HAVE WON FOR HER THE
ESTEEM AND LOVE OF ALL ILLMAN GIRLS.



IN APPRECIATION

SHE POSSESSES A CHARACTERISTIC THAT
MAKES HER ADMIRER AND LOVED BY ALL
ILLMAN GIRLS—A DEEP-ROOTED, GENUINE
UNDERSTANDING OF YOUTH. SHE HAS
THAT DELIGHTFUL MIXTURE OF THE OLD
IDEALS AND THEIR MODERN APPLICATION.
IN APPRECIATION OF THIS, HER SINCERE,
UNTIRING EFFORTS WHICH BROUGHT
ABOUT THE SUCCESS OF OUR PLAY, AND
HER FRIENDLY INTEREST AND UNDER-
STANDING GUIDANCE DURING OUR TWO
YEARS OF ASSOCIATION WE ARE GRATEFUL
TO HER, MRS. MACMILLAN.

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for out of question you were
born in a merry hour."*

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Inspired by virtue's pure control."*

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*Best of luck Libby
Great kind nice
Libby.*



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in me than a casual
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"I have lived and loved."

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Williams
West*



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Goes when she pleases."*

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*There's always
place in my
heart for
Alma*

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"Air and manner more expressive than words."

The Baldwin School

Day Student



THE ILLMAN SCHOOL



*Loads of love to
you, Alice & Bill*

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*"Nothing great was ever
achieved without enthusiasm."*

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To mortals is a providence."*

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Actions mightier than boastings!"*

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*"High-erected thoughts, sealed
in the heart of courtesy."*

Germantown High School

Day Student

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Palmerton, Pa.

*"Dead springs are stirring in
my heart and there are tears."*

Palmerton High School

Day Student



THE ILLMAN SCHOOL



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"Men of few words are the best men."

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"Silence is a true friend who never betrays."

West Philadelphia High School

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to win, with heart to hold."*

Abington High School

Day Student



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*"Good sense and good nature
are never separate."*

Frankford High School

Day Student



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Her thought is spiced and rare."*

Stewart Academy

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Middletown, Del.

*"I stay my haste, I make delays,
for what avails this eager pace?"*

Miss Sayward's School

Day Student



*The best
of luck
to
Hoffman
Ding*

THE ILLMAN SCHOOL



DOROTHY FOX
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Philadelphia, Pa.

*"There are two days about which
nobody should worry, and these
are yesterday and tomorrow."*

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*"Merriment is a philosophy
not well understood.
It is the sunny side of existence."*

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*"All worldly joys go less
to the one joy of doing
kindnesses."*

Ridgewood High School

Boarder



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Mount Airy, Pa.

"The sense of humor is the oil of life's engine."

Germantown High School

Day Student



CAROLINE MARGARET GREENWOOD

331 Chestnut Street
Coatesville, Pa.

*"Just being happy is a fine thing to do
Looking at the bright side rather than the blue."*

Coatesville High School

Day Student

ELIZABETH PURVES HOE

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"There is more in me than thou understand'st."

St. Mary's Hall

Boarder



THE ILLMAN SCHOOL



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Southampton, Pa.

"He is wise who talks but little."

Lower Moreland High School
Southampton High School

Day Student

KATHRYN HOLLAND
303 Fourth Avenue
Haddon Heights, N. J.

*"Whatever skeptic could inquire for—
For every why she had a wherefore."*

Haddon Heights High School

Day Student



EDITH REED HOLLOWAY
46 Union Street
Bordentown, N. J.

*"It is a matter of economy to be happy, to
view life and all its conditions from the
brightest angle; it enables one to seize life
at its very best."*

Bordentown High School

Day Student



JEANETTE MARY JOHNSON
146 Merion Avenue
Haddonfield, N. J.

*"An equal mixture of good humor
and sensible, soft melancholy."*

Haddonfield High School

Day Student



*Good. much.
from
Daisy.*



ELIZABETH SHALLCROSS JONES
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"Be wisely worldly, but not worldly wise."

Friends Central School

Day Student

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Philadelphia, Pa.

"The way to gain a friend is to be one."

Frankford High School

Day Student



THE ILLMAN SCHOOL



VICTORIA KAPP
724 Atlantic Avenue
Collingswood, N. J.

"O this learning, what a thing it is!"

Collingswood High School

Day Student

ANNE SLOAN KELLER
303 Market Street
Bloomsburg, Pa.

*"That indolent but agreeable
condition of doing nothing."*

The Misses Eastman School

Boarder



M. ALICE KELLY
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Wilmington, Del.

*"Never yet was good accomplished
without hand and thought."*

Wilmington High School

Day Student

VERNA ELIZABETH KOEHLER
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Minersville, Pa.

*"Then let us smile when skies are gray
And laugh at the stormy weather."*

Minersville High School

Day Student



ELIZABETH J. LEVAN
222 Douglass Street
Reading, Pa.

*"Sang at heart, and talked, and ate,
And lived from laugh to laugh."*

Reading High School

Boarder



E. FLORENCE LINDSLEY
5739 N. Mascher Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

"A fair exterior is a silent recommendation."

Frankford High School

Day Student



*May your
troubles be
"little ones".
Florence L.*

THE ILLMAN SCHOOL



CHARLOTTE LOWRIE LOGAN
553 Third Street
Butler, Pa.

*"A dreamer lives forever,
And a toiler dies in a day."*

Butler High School

Boarder

LILLIAN S. LORCH
4516 N. Broad Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

*"I have ease, and I have health,
And I have spirits light as air;
And more than wisdom, more than wealth—
A merry heart, that laughs at care."*

Simon Gratz High School

Day Student



MAY CHARLTON LOWER
818 Wynnewood Road
Philadelphia, Pa.

"Voyaging on strange seas of thought, alone."

West Philadelphia High School

Day Student



*Happy days and nights
Best wishes to you*

EVELYN ROSE MAAS
417 Lapsley Street
Selma, Ala.

*"We are more easily persuaded, in general, by the reasons
we ourselves discover, than by those which have been sug-
gested to us by others."*

Selma High School

Boarder



EVA MARGARET MASON
2506 S. Garnet Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

"O Romeo, Romeo! Wherefore art Thou, Romeo?"
Philadelphia High School for Girls Day Student

THEODATE ELIZABETH McLAUGHLIN
Limestone, Me.

*"Good fortune spin her shining
wheel right merrily for you."*

St. Joseph's Academy

Boarder



THE ILLMAN SCHOOL



ANN THERESA McNULTY

913 W. 9th Street

Wilmington, Del.

*"Unspoken words, like treasures in a mine,
Are valueless until we give them birth."*

Wilmington High School

Day Student

MARIE PAULINE MILLMAN

773 Vandever Avenue

Wilmington, Del.

*"I can tell you strange news that
you have not dreamed of."*

Wilmington High School

Day Student



DOROTHY ESTELLE MINTZ

107 Adelpia Avenue

Atlantic City, N. J.

"Of elfish grace and tiny is she."

Atlantic City High School

Day Student

HANNA RANDLE MONROE
308 W. 9th Street
Chester, Pa.

*"From the mingled strength of shade and light
A new creation rises to my sight
Such heavenly pictures from her pencil flow
So warm with light the blended colors glow."*

Chester High School

Day Student



KATHRYN LUBKER MURPHY
211 Second Street
Lewes, Del.

*"True politeness is perfect ease and
freedom. It simply consists in treat-
ing others just as you love to be
treated yourself."*

Lewes High School

Day Student



VIRGINIA WILKINSON NELSON
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Norfolk, Va.

*"She has occasional flashes of silence that make
her conversation perfectly delightful."*

Maury High School

Boarder



THE ILLMAN SCHOOL



JANET NEWMAN
907 Clay Avenue
Scranton, Pa.

*"If I am not for myself, who will be for me?
But if I am for myself alone, what am I?
If not now—when?"*

Hillside School

Boarder

MARY BURNSIDE OLIVER
212 Clifton Avenue
Mount Holly, N. J.

*"Simplicity of character is no hindrance to
subtlety of intellect."*

Mount Holly High School

Day Student



MARY STEEL PETERSON
260 Wayne Avenue
Haddonfield, N. J.

"Patient endurance attaineth to all things."

Haddonfield High School

Day Student



ANNE DELANO PIERSOL
1913 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

"Wholesome as air, and genial as the light."

Agnes Irwin School

Day Student



DOROTHY POLAND
9 N. Plaza Place
Atlantic City, N. J.

*"I, my dear, was born today,
So all my jolly comrades say."*

Atlantic City High School

Boarder

ANNE WEBSTER POTTER
"The Terrace"
Whitehall, N. Y.

"I never knew so young a body on so old a head."

Whitehall High School

Boarder



THE ILLMAN SCHOOL



CHARLOTTE BARNARD POTTER
"The Terrace"
Whitehall, N. Y.

"A little fellow, charming, sweet and nice."

Whitehall High School

Boarder

CASSIE VIRGINIA PRETTYMAN
"Cedar Wall Farm"
Millsboro, Del.

*"Three important C's; common sense
co-operation, courtesy."*

Lewes High School

Day Student



NATALIE REISMAN
831 Madison Avenue
Scranton, Pa.

"She was a scholar and a ripe and good one."

Marywood Seminary

Boarder



THE ILLMAN SCHOOL

Every year
 find out what
 a "novelty" is
 before I do.
 And may the
 result be
 considerate.
 And wait a
 few years --
 With love (S)
 Edwin



LAURA ELIZABETH SAUSSER

334 Penn Road
Wynnewood, Pa.

*"Possessed with such a gentle, sovereign grace
With such enchanting presence and discourse."*

Miss Wright's School

Day Student

JOSEPHINE R. SCHREIBER

Crosswicks Road
Bordentown, N. J.

*"O what land is the land of dreams!
What are its mountains
And what are its streams?"*

Mount St. Mary's Hall

Day Student



MARY COTNER SHIPE

829 Vine Street
Camden, N. J.

"And mistress of herself though China fall."

Moorestown Friends School

Day Student

ADELINE MARGARET SHORTLIDGE
224 W. Evergreen Street
West Grove, Pa.

*"For those who know thee not, no words can paint.
For those who know thee, words are faint."*

George School

Boarder



*Congratulations
Sally, and
my bestest
wishes follow
you.
S. Hasty*



JEANETTE LYLE SIMMONS
204 Chelsea Street
Sisterville, W. Va.

*"To persevere is one's duty, and to be silent
is the best answer to calumny."*

Bowling Green High School

Day Student

FLORENCE C. SMITH
6131 McCallum Street
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"Full of pep, happy and gay."

School of the Holy Child Jesus

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THE ILLMAN SCHOOL

Hope see
you years
here. happy
over. I'd.
now to see
you again.
Granger



VIRGINIA SMITH
609 E. Gorgas Lane
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*"With a heart to resolve, a head to
contrive, and a hand to execute."*

Stevens School

Day Student

ELVIRA F. SOLIS
3224 N. Broad Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

*"In a world in which so many people wear the same clothes,
live in the same house, eat the same dinner and say the
same things, blessed are the individuals who are not lost in
the mob, who have their own thoughts and live their own
lives."*

Philadelphia High School for Girls

Day Student



BETTY MECRAY SOUDER
12 Simpson Road
Ardmore, Pa.

*"She that was ever fair and never proud,
Had tongue at will, and yet was never loud."*

Friends Central School

Day Student



ANNA KATHRYN ST. CLAIR
702 Main Street
Latrobe, Pa.

*"Better to have the love of one
Than smiles like morning dew."*

Birmingham School

Boarder



TERESA G. STEINHART
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Atlantic City, N. J.

"What are the joys of heaven but those of love?"

Atlantic City High School

Boarder

HELEN VIRGINIA STITZINGER
201 West Avenue
Jenkintown, Pa.

*"True happiness is not in doing what one likes
But in liking what one has to do."*

Jenkintown High School

Day Student



THE ILLMAN SCHOOL



MARION E. STONE
986 Kenyon Avenue
Plainfield, N. J.

"It is joy to think the best we can of human kind."
Darlington Seminary Boarder

*Working to say
sally. I'll never
forget the good and
time we have and other
at Zullinger's. I love it.
p.s. - to. Keep it.*

ELEANOR PROSSER TAUSSIG
693 West Johnson Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

"So many worlds, so much to do."
Germantown High School Day Student



ELIZABETH GERTRUDE TAYLOR
Stewart and Wycombe Avenues
Lansdowne, Pa.

"Study and work she combines with fun."
Lansdowne High School Day Student



LOUISE AMELIA THIELE
1081 McKinley Avenue
Johnstown, Pa.

*"Snatch gayly the joys which the moments shall bring,
Away every care and complexity fling."*

Johnstown High School

Boarder



SALLY THOMPSON
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Edgewood, Pittsburgh, Pa.

"She is not shy nor bold, but simply self-possessed."

Miss Thurston's Preparatory School Day Student

OAKLEY WARANT VAN NOSTRAND
316 W. Durham Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

"The light laughter that bubbles on the lip."

West Philadelphia High School

Day Student



THE ILLMAN SCHOOL



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40 W. Ashmead Place
Philadelphia, Pa.

"Of soul sincere, in action faithful, and in honor clear."
Germantown Friends School Day Student

MARIANNA WALTER
436 Center Street
Ashland, Pa.

*"If I could read you like a book
Or like a wizard's glass of old
I might discover why you look so cold."*

Ashland High School

Boarder



HELEN WASHINGTON WEAVER
212 Front Street
Clearfield, Pa.

*"The making of friends, who are real friends
is the best token we have of a man's
success in life."*

Clearfield High School

Boarder



MILDRED WEBBER
529 Shoemaker Road
Elkins Park, Pa.

"The mildest manners and the gentlest heart."

Cheltenham High School

Day Student



KATHRYN M. WEILAND
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Scranton, Pa.

"She did nothing in particular, and did it well."

Scranton Central High School

Boarder

MARION WHITE
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Philadelphia, Pa.

*"Trusty, dusky, vivid, true
Bright eyes of a quiet, gray hue."*

West Philadelphia High School

Day Student



THE ILLMAN SCHOOL



WINIFRED MARGARET WHITTAKER

209 Sylvan Avenue

Rutledge, Pa.

*"The reason firm, the temperate will,
Endurance, foresight, strength, and skill."*

Westtown School

Day Student

MARGARET WICKERSHAM

47 S. Woodland Avenue

Woodbury, N. J.

*"She shapes her speech all silver fine
Because she loves it so
And her own eyes begin to shine
To hear her stories grow."*

Woodbury High School

Day Student



ELLIOTT WIENER

401 W. Cheltenham Avenue

Philadelphia, Pa.

"I hate a thing done by halves."

Germantown Friends School

Day Student

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Haddon Heights, N. J.

"Merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance."

Haddon Heights High School

Day Student



EUGENIE WOLFF

2201 Ridge Park Avenue

Birmingham, Ala.

"I will not let myself despise any human being."

Boarder

MARY PHILIPS YOUNG

1097 Confer Avenue

Johnstown, Pa.

"Follow your own convictions and be strong."

Johnstown High School

Boarder



THE ILLMAN SCHOOL



FRANCES ZACHARIAS
259 East Georgia Avenue
Mobile, Ala.

"Ever charming and ever new."

Mobile High School

Boarder



MAKE BELIEVE

Just a baby puppy lying in the sun,
Stretching out his little legs, one by one,
Feeling, oh, so happy—not a thing to do
Tracing little white clouds across a sky of blue.

Dreams he sees a kitten playing with a spool.
He will run and chase him but he will be fooled.
There isn't any kitten, and there isn't any pup.
And if you really want to know, this is just make-up.

MAY C. LOWER

THE CLOUD CIRCUS

Isn't it fun to lie on your back
And watch the clouds go by?
There's elephants, tigers, and round polar bears,
All walking across the sky.

Some walk on one foot, others stand on their heads,
While a few on their backs drift by;
But there's always thrills and surprises galore
At the cloud circus up in the sky.

CAROLINE GREENWOOD

LAUGHTER

The ability to laugh seems to me one of the finest attributes an individual can possess. If I had been one of the good fairies at the princess' christening I should not have endowed her with beauty, a ready wit or nimble feet, rather would I say, "To thee my dear, I give the priceless gift of laughter." She might not treasure it above the others at first—youth seldom does—it loves to weep—but as the years sped on she would turn toward it more and more.

By laughter I do not mean the shrill nervous giggles of self-conscious adolescents or the hollow mocking mirth of the cynic as he speaks of his warped views; but that gay, spontaneous, bubbling laugh which comes from the heart. It knows neither rank, nor time, nor place; it is as much at home in the humblest dwelling, as in the palace of the king. One meets it everywhere—in odd and unexpected places it rings forth to cheer the world.

When one has learned to laugh then one is well on the road of learning to live. There are so very few things that are worth ceaseless mourning. We sorrow and then, if we are wise, we straighten ourselves as do bent trees after a heavy storm and climb again to happiness over the rainbow bridge of laughter. God put us on the earth to work and play and suffer and then, because He is a kind God, he gave us laughter.

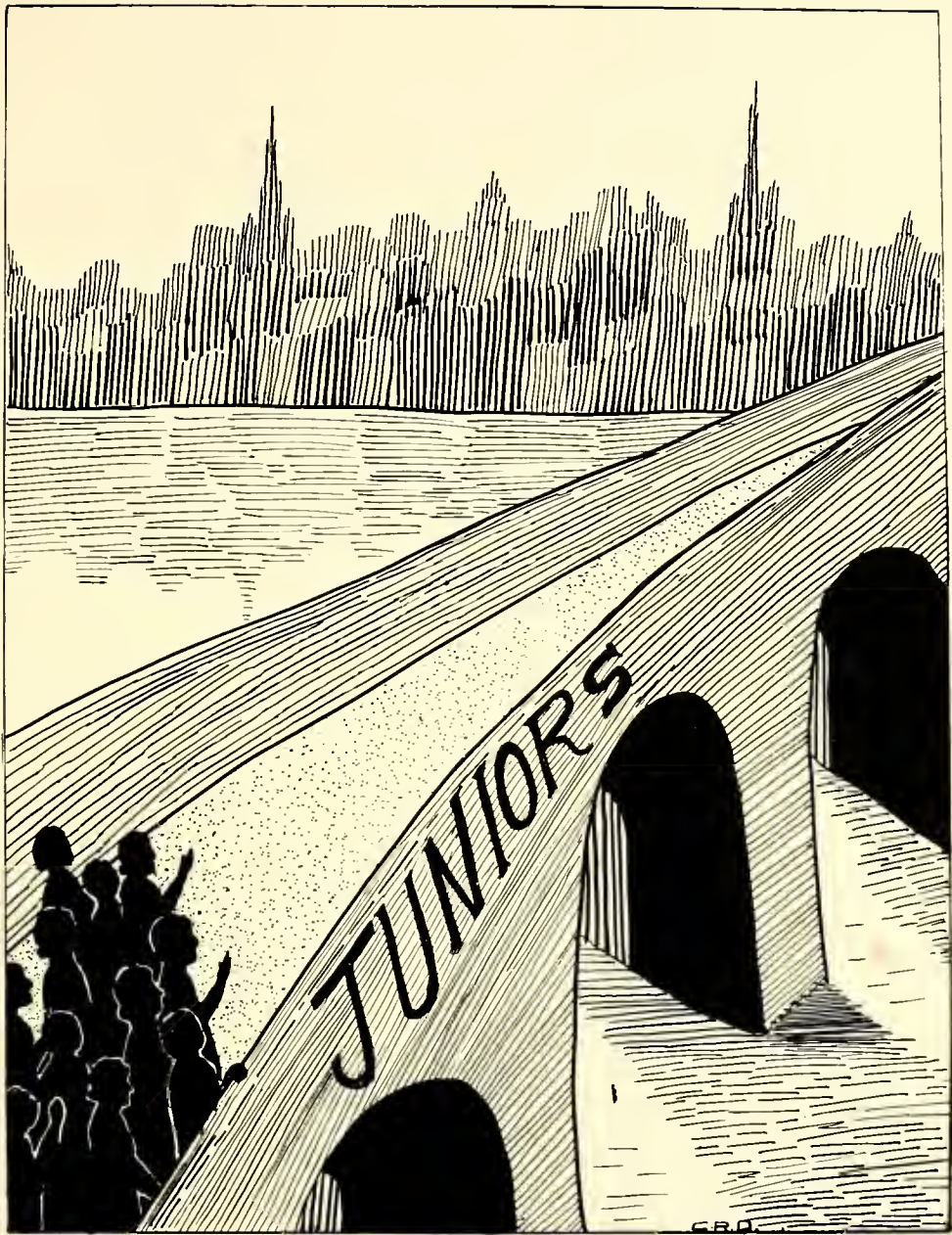
DOROTHY NELLIS.

MADNESS

The moon pours its silver
In wanton extravagance
All down the hillside
And into the pool.
So it's been doing for years without ending
Ever it pours, ever renewed.

Thus should our love be
Careless of hoarding
Mocking at meagerness
Laughing at dearth.
If we give all of it, we shall have more of it
To spend it lavishly over the earth.

DOROTHY NELLIS.



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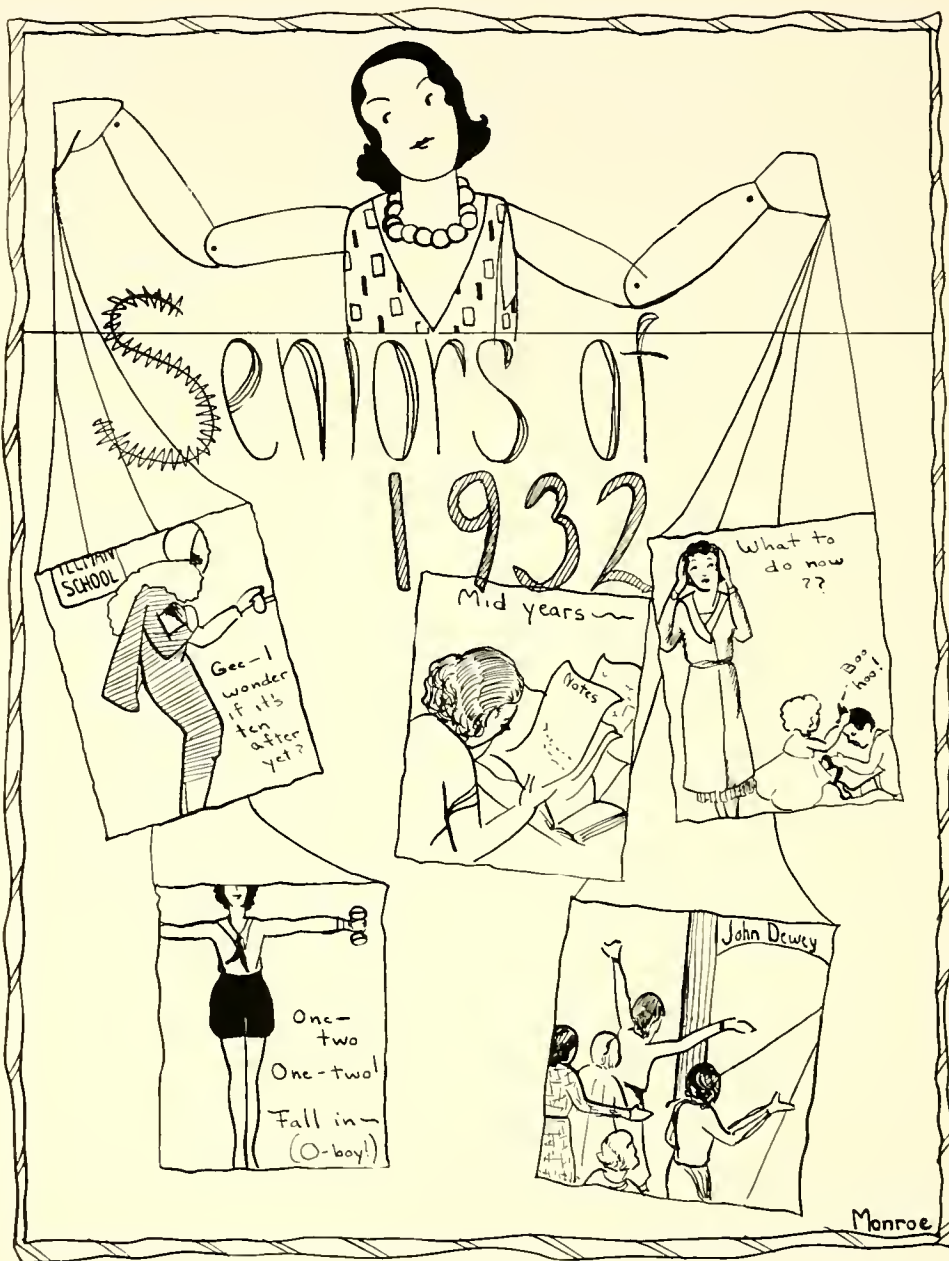
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ABOUT YELLOW

A flash of yellow
A ray of light
And over the hill
Comes a merry sprite.
A golden cap
And a suit of green
A buttercup,
Is the elf you've seen.

Lovely yellow daffodil
Slender, tall and bright
Growing on a sunny hill
Like a bit of light.

Dandelion said, "I'm a jolly fellow,
I live in the meadow bright
In the early spring my hair is yellow
But later it all turns white."

ELEANOR PROSSER TAUSSIG.





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THE Student Council began but four years ago. In that time it has shown efficiency, in spite of the fact that it has had few problems to face. We hope, of course, that in the future it will have even less chance to show its ability.

It is composed of Miss Illman as Faculty Representative, the President of the Senior Class, the President of the Junior Class, a girl elected from the Senior Class, a girl elected from the Junior Class, and the House President from each dormitory.



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THE ILLMAN PLAYMAKERS

The Dramatic Club has chosen a name this year and is now known under the name of "The Illman Playmakers." The membership is optional, the club being composed of those interested in Dramatics. A play is chosen each year and is presented just before the Easter holidays. Last year J. M. Barrie's "Quality Street" was given and this year a modern play was presented. "Hay Fever" by Noel Coward was coached under the direction of Mrs. MacMillan and was very successful.

The Club had but three officers this year: Arnold Fleetwood, president; Natalie Reisman, treasurer, and Virginia Nelson, secretary, with Mrs. MacMillan as Faculty Advisor. nineteen thirty-one and nineteen thirty-two will always remember.



THE DRAMATIC CLUB PLAY

THE DRAMATIC CLUB

THE Dramatic Club reverted from its usual course this year and gave a modern play. They presented Noel Coward's very amusing play, "Hay Fever." Under the able coaching of Mrs. MacMillan, the play was a success. The girls portrayed the characters excellently.

CHARACTERS

Sorel Bliss—Serious-minded Daughter	Melisse Mullen
Simon Bliss—Son, embryo-artist	Arnold Fleetwood
Clara—Judith's ex-dresser	Mabel Flynn
Judith Bliss—Mother, reluctant ex-actress	Florence Lindsley
David Bliss—The Father, a novelist	Margaret Wickersham
Sandy Tyrell—Judith's latest flair	Florence Smith
Myra Arundel—Clever sophisticate	Elizabeth Greenwood
Richard Greatham—A Diplomat	May Lower
Jackie Caryton—Specimen of Inane Flapper	Helen Ambler

They proved that the Dramatic Club could successfully present a modern play.

A WHITE FLAG

A flower? Only that? But proudly challenging, white and glistening, it shines there, protected "*mille fois*" by an army of green bayonets. A thing to be fought for with struggling, reaching hands that are repulsed and pulled back by the ever-guarding blades. It is a lovely thing, to pluck, gaze upon, glory in, caress, love and press upon my breast. Will ever the chance to enfold such a jewel come my way again? Yes, it is worth the fight, the struggle—I must have it for my own——

But the Flower's feet are in the mud. I shall be soiled in gaining it. And will it, when gained, be only bruised and sickened by my caresses and warm breath? Will it upon a flight of glorious consciousness pass away and leave me only withered stems and regrets?

Shall I struggle on, capture my symbol of breathless beauty, watch it slacken and die in my grasp and have nothing but soiled shoes, or shall I keep my shoes clean, leaving it to fill me with wonderment from afar, a memory, instead of regrets, of something alive and in the prime of glory—?

Ah, Life is so complex——!

ARNOLD FLEETWOOD.

MOONLIGHT

The earth was drenched with moonlight
Familiar things assumed a dream-like form
Black fir trees stood like velvet lace against the silver of the sky
Blue shadows etched themselves with startling sharpness upon the lawn
A hushed stillness was upon the scene
Tall columns rose in serene white marble beauty
And waited for the ghosts of Ancient Greece
To dance before them in the enchanted light.

DOROTHY NELLIS.

EXPECTATION

One day, I shall go forth to meet the Spring
And stand up on a hill, and both arms fling
Wide in the wind sea-blown across the sands,
To catch its salty fragrance in my hands.

Before the first bird dares, I'll wildly sing
And urge my quickened thoughts on eager wing
To pry from ancient bridges the good stone
And curve it skyward till the arch be thown.

Against the sun and stars. Red blood in me
Shall leap, before the slow sap fills the tree.
My fullest strength shall blossom and surpass
The freshness and the sweetness of new grass.

VIRGINIA SMITH.

MY VERY PERSONAL UTOPIA

Someday—someday I'm going to sit on the top of a high, high hill where I'll feel the wind in my hair and the sun on my face. I'll look at the trees, the flowers, the countryside—really see them—just look and look and look. I'm going to listen to a raindrop fall like a silver bell and not a deadly splash. And then I'll paint a picture, a wondrous gleaming picture, and write a book, a charming, heart-rending book. I'll make up poems—poems so beautiful that they'll touch the soul of the bitterest cynic, and compose music that will thrill the greatest musical fanatic.

Someday I'm going to remember that the moon is really a golden plate and the stars are the little holes in the floor of heaven—not merely shining, fiery, metal discs. I'll look at all the tiny bugs and sunbeams. And it will come to me suddenly that I've forgotten all these years that they are baby nymphs flying around laughing to one another.

And then someday, I'm going to take a shining boat and go somewhere, just anywhere—I don't care at all—over the shimmering sea. I'll let the salty water splash in my face and the cold winds cool it. And I'm going to—

But it's eight o'clock. I'll be late for school. I'm off to teach children to paint my pictures, to write my poems, to look at my trees and flowers—to dream my dreams. But isn't it worth it? Suppose I had no dreams to give them? But then again—Someday.

LAURA ELIZABETH SAUSSER.

A THOUGHT

Of all the million acres of land
And all the miles of ocean and sea,
I thought, while resting on the sand
How very little there is of me.

FLORENCE LINDSLEY.

HAPPINESS

Lost—the art of happiness, which was crushed into many pieces and tossed to the four winds. Perhaps, as you travel the highways and byways of life you will find it again. We are all searching for it, each in his own manner, but only a very few find any of its flowers. It is strange for the flowers of happiness are many. They grow along the pathways which we all must follow. Gather happiness as you journey on, for it is scattered in many places. There is no large field at the end of the road where these flowers are found in abundance; where we can gather as many as we desire. Then, live in happiness ever after. Now is the time for happiness—today; this hour. Around us on every side are the flowers. We need only to see, recognize, and gather these humble blossoms; remembering always, that the flowers of happiness which yield the most joy are those which are shared with another.

He who is selfish can never be truly happy. Whether it be the happiness of wealth, friendship, beauty, or love, there must be someone to share it with, if the joy is to be complete. Happiness is fundamental. Upon it depends the life of every person. Love is happiness; friendship is happiness; beauty is happiness; life is happiness. Who would, if they could, live without it? Is it not good to be alive! The joy of living fills one with the desire to do; to act; to achieve. What? Happiness, and more happiness! Take it within your hands; hold it gently, all the while breathing in the sweet lingering fragrance of its blossoms. Then with a happy smile place it in the hands of another.

MAY C. LOWER.

BEAUTY

Beauty—to define it
Is like trying to imprison
With mere words
The matchless glory of the sunset's fire;
The crystal clearness of the trembling dew;
Or the keen ecstasy of far-borne wind.

DOROTHY NELLIS.

AN IMPRESSION OF A MOOD

A mood is a queer intangible something—that something that either makes one feel that he is living or merely existing. There is that mood that comes at times that makes one cheerful, happy, courageous and even adventurous. That is “living.” Then, often there comes stealing in the magnetic mood of retiring from work, slouching,—giving up. That is “existing.” Interest in everything is lost when yielding to the “don’t care” mood that is especially apparent in spring. In such a care-free mood, one heeds to no trouble, worry, annoyance, anxiety or anything of the like. While under the spell of a happy-go-lucky mood, everything is met with a smile, for there is no such thing as trouble. However, in a flash, such a mood is gone and soon an uneasy, restless mood creeps in which causes one to become annoyed by almost anything, wearisome, and harassing. This mysterious something, a mood, changes one so that in the morning he may feel that his heart is wrinkling like an old man’s forehead, but by night it is smooth again, smooth and clear.

“I have my moods of stern resolve;
I’m master of my fate, I know.
These moods don’t change my life at all—
It’s very nice to have them though.”

E. FLORENCE LINDSLEY.

BLUE

When you have reached that state in which you can really be blue; not blue in the sense of being low-spirited, but just blue. Oh, to be like the blue of the sky at twilight; alive and feeling, yet dreamy and distant. There is a deep feeling of oneness when you are blue like the sky; a oneness which is found only when lost in distance; lost in space. The feel of blue is like cooling night, after a hot day; it breathes of the music of the whirling planets; of rivers of gentle moonlight; of stars and stars, thousands of them, flung over all. It carries you beyond and beyond until all sense of being is gone; all consciousness lost. You are like a blue star, revolving through space, travelling without chart; without destination. You are a part of all past, present, and future—you are blue!

MAY C. LOWER.

OH!

Someone related a very strange tale to me the other day. And this is what it was:

"Fortieth and Baltimore Avenue had never seemed very unusual to me until about a week ago. But from then on it has always reminded me of one of the most curious incidents of my life.

"I was walking along in a peaceful mood when, suddenly, out of an alleyway came at least twenty girls running at top speed. They raced right across the street and disappeared into the door of a drug store. 'An accident,' I thought. But no! By the time I had reached the alleyway, all of them came running back. They were an odd sight indeed—coats half on, hats on the back of their heads and millions—yes, millions of Hydroxes in their hands. Perhaps they had just missed their breakfasts.

"But where were they going? 'I'll follow them,' I said to myself. By the time I had reached the doorway into which they had disappeared, there was not a soul in sight. All that was in evidence was a bench, a table, a clock, and two bulletin boards. The latter were covered with papers on which were written 'Will the following girls please see me immediately?'

"But there was a hallway on my right. I decided to explore it. Ah, there were my twenty girls all jammed into a little room and screaming, 'Oh, it's out' or 'Here's forty cents for four days and I didn't even read it.'

"I left there very quickly and thought I'd try the second floor. Just then a bell rang. I was pushed up the stairs by an angry mob only to have two doors slammed in my face. Luckily they had windows in them and I could, at least, watch. But what a sight to meet my eyes! There was a girl sitting in a circle with perhaps ten other girls and she was asking them the most absurd questions about a very foolish picture she was holding in her hand. 'What is the little girl looking at? Yes, a dolly. I know a lovely story about a dolly. Would you like to hear it?' At their excited cries of 'Yes,' she began: 'I've a dear little dolly, she has eyes of bright blue—'

"This was really quite enough. Perhaps the third floor would be better. But a stranger sight was yet to appear. Through one of the doors I saw a lady standing before another group of girls and she was—now can you believe it?—she was sticking her tongue out at them. Not only that but she was making faces and uttering queer sounds. I really didn't know what kind of a place this could be. And in the next room—this is the oddest of all—stood another lady in front of another group of girls. And she was telling them—really seriously telling them—the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. Imagine telling grown girls—truly grown-up girls—about three billy goats. This was a strange place indeed!

"I ran quickly down to the first floor and saw two doors there I had missed. I looked in one—and really I almost believe I was dreaming—for there were more girls—really grown-up ones again—playing (no, you won't believe it) Farmer in the Dell. Actually—playing—Farmer-in-the-Dell.

"This was no place for me. Just as I was about to leave, that bell rang again and I was pushed out of the door and down the steps. As I was trying to pick my poor, bewildered self up from the pavement, twenty, thirty, forty girls rushed at top speed past me and ran down the alley."

LAURA ELIZABETH SAUSSER.

A PRESENTATION

INASMUCH as we have derived so many benefits from the keen observation of the faculty, we have thought it only courteous on our part to reciprocate their interest in our needs and wants. Therefore, during our two years of training, we have endeavored to note the special desires of all our instructors. With this in mind, we hereby present the following gifts to them.

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THE SPAN STAFF of 1931 most willingly bequeath their erasers, pencils, papers, pens, paper clips, notebooks, etc., and what will be left, by June fourth, of their fast decreasing energy and once well-built up nervous system, to the SPAN Staff of 1932.

The officers of the Class of 1931 do bequeath to the officers of next year's graduating class any ability they may have in collecting class dues, holding class meetings, getting unanimous agreements on votes and the strong will and vitality necessary to accomplish these things.

The Class of 1931 most humbly and heartily bequeath to next year's Seniors the one or two pages of notes that are not going in their curriculum books, any of their surplus will-power to be used every Saturday morning next year, and that nonchalant and dauntless air which is donned when seeing little white slips inscribed with their names, posted on the bulletin board.



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